

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 and 18-57 are present in this application. Claims 1-15 and 39-57 have been withdrawn. Of the examined claims, claim 16 is independent. Claim 17 has been canceled.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 22, 28, and 37 are allowable.

### **Claim Rejections**

Claims 16-21, 23-27, 29-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO/93/15589 ("Spitzer"). Claims 35, 36, and 38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spitzer in view of U.S. Patent 5,663,099 (Okabe). Applicants traverse these rejections.

Independent claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 17. The subject matter of claim 17 recites that the single-crystal silicon thin-film device is bonded with the insulating substrate via an intervening "inorganic insulating film." The Final Office Action stated, in additional arguments, that 712 of Spitzer is the insulating substrate and that 721 is the adhesive layer, i.e., presumably the claimed inorganic insulating film (in the rejection of claim 17, the Final Office Action referred to 721 in Fig. 25B).

To the contrary, the adhesive 721 is explicitly disclosed as "comprised of commercially available epoxies" (page 52, lines 16-17), i.e., an organic compound. Thus, Spitzer fails to teach

the claimed intervening "inorganic insulating film." Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

**Conclusion**

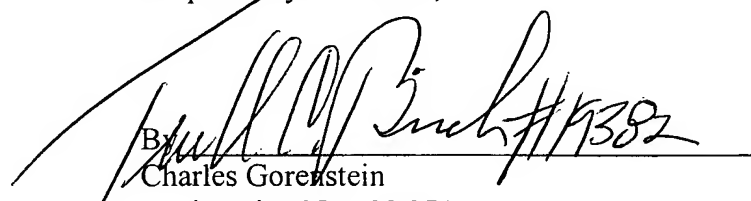
In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert W. Downs (Reg. No. 48,222) at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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